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CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION DETERMINATION FOR THE PROPOSED WATER POLLUTION CONTROL PROJECT FOR THE MOUNTAIN WATER AND SANITATION DISTRICT

The Water Quality Control Division of the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment has conducted a review of the proposed water pollution control project for the Mountain Water and Sanitation District in accordance with EPA and the State of Colorado procedures for implementing the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) (40 CFR Part 6) and the State of Colorado NEPA-like policy (SRF Operating Agreement). The State has determined that this project is eligible for a categorical exclusion. Accordingly, the State is exempting the project from further substantive environmental review requirements under the above stated policies.

Project Description:

The proposed project is to rehabilitate and upgrade the existing Wastewater Treatment Plant to a Sequencing Batch Reactor Treatment Plant. The project will be funded by a Water Pollution Control State Revolving Fund loan in the amount of \$2,000,000 at 0%.

Criteria for Granting a Categorical Exclusion under 40 CFR parts 6.107 and 6.505

The action proposed will ensure compliance with current and future wastewater treatment standards. The following criteria condition the allowance of the categorical exclusion for the proposed action:

- Minor rehabilitation of the existing facilities;
- · Construction of new ancillary facilities either adjacent or appurtenant to existing facilities which do not affect the degree or capacity of treatment;
- Minor upgrades and expansions of existing treatment works in sewered communities.

The documentation to support this decision will be on file at the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment, Water Quality Control Division, in Denver, Colorado and is available for public scrutiny upon request. Comments concerning this decision may be addressed to:

> Scott Garncarz, Project Manager Grants and Loans Unit Water Quality Control Division Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment 4300 Cherry Creek Drive South Denver, Colorado 80246

Dated this /3 day of November, 2012.

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